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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR U.S. TEAM

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT
ON VISIT OF TEAM TO ECUADOR. THE FOLLOWING PRESS
GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

QUESTION: WHY IS THE U.S. SENDING A NEGOTIATING TEAM
TO ECUADOR? ARE THESE PEOPLE GOING THERE TO BAIL
OUT THE CAPTURED TUNAMEN? ARE THEY PROPOSING
MEASURES TO SOLVE THE LONG DISPUTE OVER U.S. TUNAMEN
FISHING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS WHICH ARE CLAIMED
BY ECUADOR AS TERRITORIAL WATERS?

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OCEANS AND FISHERIES AFFAIRS), ARE GOING TO QUITO TO

EXPLORE WITH ECUADORIAN AUTHORITIES WHAT SOLUTIONS
MIGHT BE REACHED ON A LONG-TERM LOS BASIS AS WELL
AS INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM PRIOR
TO CONCLUSION OF THE LOS TREATY.

2. WITH REGARD TO ANY PROPOSALS WE MIGHT BE MAKING,
LET ME JUST SAY THESE TALKS ARE EXPLORATORY IN NATURE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH GOE ON
ANY PUBLICITY IN ECUADOR AND TO EXTENT POSSIBLE
QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE GOE. IF ASKED
HOWEVER YOU MAY RESPOND ALONG ABOVE LINES. KISSINGER

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